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SPD adds tasers to group of available tools for officers

BY SHANNON WILEY
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The Salisbury Police Department has set in motion a year-long pilot program that will introduce tasers as another tool of law enforcement despite the three civil suits against the department for excessive force.

The program, which has been supported by Salisbury Mayor James Ireton and the city council, includes continued research and training by officers who will be utilizing the tasers.

Ireton declined a request for interview with himself or the SPD until after the trial period is over, but Salisbury University Police Department Lieutenant Brian Waller, the investigative and support service commander of the department, has done extensive research on the use of tasers by police departments across the country.

"These are a less lethal instrument for law enforcement to carry," Waller said. "It doesn't replace or supplement any other tool in the tool box it just adds an additional one."

Waller explained that tasers are used in law enforcement much like pepper spray or a baton would be.

Throughout the country, different law enforcement agencies create their own use of force continuum which includes everything an officer can use to gain or maintain control of a situation.

"Anything from the lowest level, the officer's presence, which may go up to verbal commands," he said. "Then you have your less lethal tools like pepper spray, your baton, the taser, up to lethal force with a firearm."

Departments start to research and debate utilizing tasers in their use of force continuum to determine where this instrument will lay, specifically if it will come before or after either pepper spray or a baton.

One major factor in this decision is the type of pepper spray used by departments and surrounding departments that could be called for backup, according to Waller.

Often, pepper spray's active ingredient, capsaicin, is dissolved in alcohol which is the vehicle used to spray it. However, this means that a flammable substance is now used on the individual that officers are attempting to subdue. The use of a taser after this, which sends an electric jolt through the body to causes temporary paralysis could be extremely dangerous and could cause the liquid to ignite.

If a department would like to carry tasers, they must make sure their pepper spray is non-flammable. Further, Waller said, the department must make sure that surrounding departments are not carrying flammable pepper spray, as well, because if they are called for backup and use their pepper spray before the department uses their taser, the same dangerous consequences could occur.

For the SPD, departments that are often called upon include the SUPD, the Fruitland Police Department, the Maryland State Police and the Wicomico County Sheriff's Department.

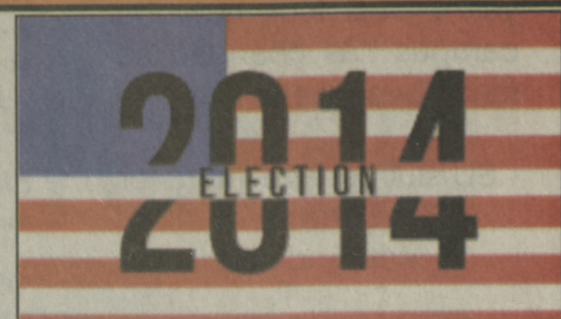
If factors are sorted out which allow a department to obtain tasers, Waller said, they could be beneficial for the department because a lot of the research on these tools show that injuries to officers and the individuals being arrested go down when tasers are an available tool for officers.

Waller said that these findings are due to the quick recovery time that tasers allow and the lack of close, physical contact they require.

"How a taser works is it incapacitates by

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Candidates react to their wins in midterm elections



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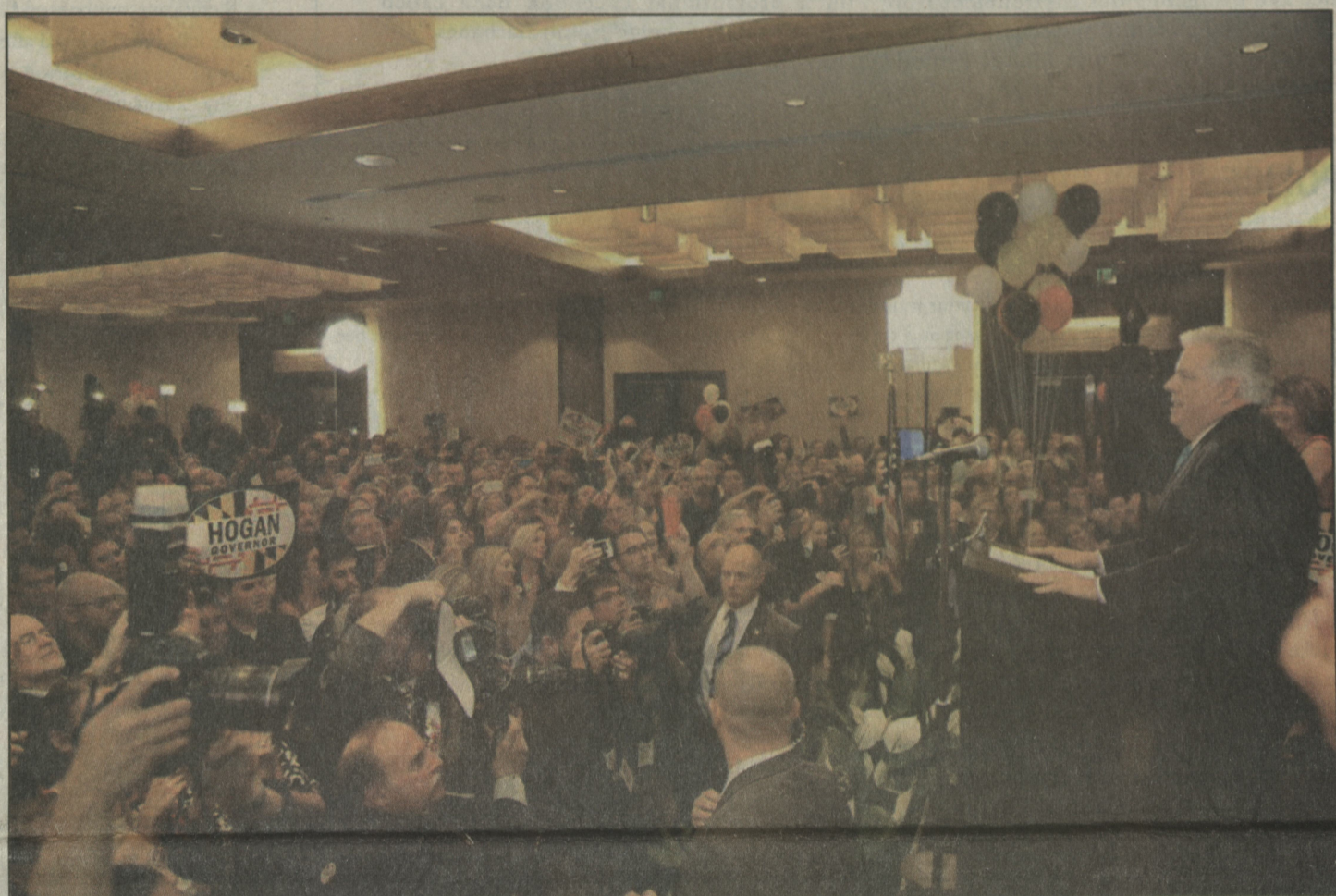


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Governor Elect Larry Hogan with Lt. Governor Elect won the election by 4.67 percent over democratic candidate Anthony Brown and 50.16 percent over libertarian candidate Shawn Quinn.

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On Nov. 4, the U.S. held their midterm elections where citizens, including Marylanders and Salisbury University students, could cast their vote for state and federal representation.

In Maryland, republican candidate Larry Hogan along with Boyd Rutherford, whose daughter Kristen is a student at SU, were elected Governor and Lt. Governor.

Hogan won on a platform of jobs, middle class families and rejuvenating the economy, saying on his website, "I am not a professional politician. I am a small businessman and a lifelong Marylander who is completely fed up with politics as usual."

In Salisbury's Legislative District 38B,

democrat Norman Conway had been in office since 1987 but was voted out and replaced by republican Carl Anderton, Jr.

"Delegate Conway will be greatly missed by Salisbury University," SU junior and intern for Conway, Matt Anderson said. "Through his position as chairman of appropriations he is the reason TETC, Perdue and now the academic commons are here. Conway has been chairman for 12 years. Just look how the campus has changed so much because of him."

Anderton, though, was very gracious about his win, thanking his supporters through his Twitter page.

Anderton ran on a platform of providing more jobs and lowering taxes.

For Comptroller of Maryland, Democratic candidate Peter Franchot won the election.

"I am grateful beyond words for the opportunity to serve as your Comptroller for the next four years," Franchot said in an open letter on his website. "As your fiscal watchdog, I will continue to advocate for fiscal responsibility with a purpose by fighting against wasteful spending, to ensure tax fairness by collecting from tax evaders and to provide world-class taxpayer service predicated on respect, responsiveness and results."

Former state senator and state delegate Brian E. Frosh (D) was elected as Maryland's new Attorney General in the midterm elections.

Frosh led promoting his record and dedication to fighting against violence, financial injustice and environmental destruction.

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Students reflect on troops returning to Iraq to fight ISIS

BY SAMUEL STEVENS
Staff Writer

1,500 American soldiers are to be sent to Iraq to serve as security and advisory forces for the Iraqi Army in order to fight Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and Salisbury University students have mixed opinions on the decision.

The bulk of these forces would be fighting in the Anbar province of Iraq which borders Syria and Saudi Arabia. This expands the current mission of U.S. personnel from the current focus in Baghdad and Erbil, the capital of the Kurdistan region.

"I agree with the decision," SU student Sam Russel said. "It kind of has to be done."

The U.S. has been currently pursuing an airstrike campaign against the Muslim rebels in addition to advisory roles on the ground.

"Assuming it's the right course of action, (the president will) just have to send more and more," student Ben Sonenberg said, "and we'll be in another mess."

The strikes have deterred, but not reversed, the ISIS offensive in Iraq and the Iraqi army has been struggling to fight against Islamic rebels.

The Anbar province bordering Syria is going to be another major center of U.S. advisory and security operations. The Anbar province

was heavily contested during the Iraq War where U.S. forces fought a protracted battle in the city of Fallujah.

President Barack Obama has also asked for an additional \$5 billion to fight the Islamic State rebels, with \$1.6 billion of that going to arming and training the Iraqi armed forces.

Officially, the 3,000 additional U.S. ground troops would not be engaged in direct combat operations against the jihadists.

Student Katie Nizich is concerned about the troops themselves.

"A lot of them were already deployed and have scars from being there," she said.

The Islamic State jihadists, while fighting the

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"After we pause to celebrate, it's time to get to work protecting every community from gun violence, safeguarding seniors from financial scams, ending domestic vio-

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Matt Anderson

lence and protecting our environment from polluters," he said in a statement after the election. "I promise you that I will do everything I can to make you proud of the

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basically interrupting the messages that your muscles get," Waller said. "So you get hit by a taser and while that taser is activated, you basically lose muscular control and you go down. The moment that stops, all effects of the taser stop."

This fast revival is not as available, though, for many other tools officers can use.

"If I utilize a baton and beat you with it, those effects don't end when I stop beating you," Waller said.

Similarly, if pepper spray is used, the subject will still feel the effects after the officer has stopped spraying and he or she must go through a clean out process.

Likewise, if an officer must take down someone, if he or she has a taser readily available, the officer could deploy it from farther away than he or she would have to using pepper spray or a baton. With these methods, the chances of either party getting injured are heightened.

The tasers that SPD officers will be using will record the audio and action of an event whenever a taser is utilized.

Another possible benefit of officers using tasers include violent behavior and resisting arrest rates going down, as studies and other departments' experiences have shown a trend towards.

"I've spoken to individuals at departments that after a period of time of having this device, their incidents of resisting arrest or fleeing drop considerably," Waller said. "In essence, once community members that don't want to obey the law, your frequent fliers, see that they're not going to fight and win or run and get away because they're going to get tased, they don't try. Often times there are measurable results from putting this in use. Once it's put in place and used a number of times, it's not needed to be utilized frequently (anymore)."

Despite the benefits of the tasers, there are still negative consequences.

One of these such consequences is that the taser is not as "foolproof and guaranteed to stop someone," Waller said, especially if someone has a firearm or is

work that I do as Attorney General."

Republican candidate Andy Harris was voted the new State Senator for Salisbury's Legislative District 1.

Aiding the economy and the budget deficit, refining health care, protecting the environment, helping veterans and saving agriculture are the main issues Harris will focus on.

Democratic candidate Jim Mathias was elected State Senator, For Legislative District 38.

Mathias ran citing his vision, experience and leadership as proof to his eligibility and on a platform of protecting agriculture, helping the budget, lowering taxes, promoting education, developing jobs and the economy, public safety and supporting veterans.

Jimmy Sarbanes was voted Judge in Judicial Circuit 1 for Wicomico County.

Sarbanes was appointed originally to the Circuit Court for Wicomico County in February.

"Together, we made tonight happen and I will show my gratitude by continuing to do my job to the best of my ability and with great pride," Sarbanes said in an open letter on a promotional Facebook page called "Vote to Retain Judge Jimmy Sarbanes."

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Iraqi government, are simultaneously one of many rebel groups fighting the Syrian government as the country is in a civil war. The government of Syria is currently considered an enemy of the U.S., as well.

Congress officially authorized aid to the Syrian rebels in September, and a New York Times article from January revealed that the CIA had been arming and training Syrian rebels against the Assad regime in Jordan.

ISIS, along with fighting govern-

of the jihadists, as 12 Iraqi journalists as well as several western journalists, including the deceased James Foley and Steven Sotloff, have been taken and executed by Islamic State fighters.

The news of renewed U.S. involvement in Iraq comes after a major defeat for the President and his party in the mid-term elections.

A recent Gallup poll showed that President Obama has a 54 percent disapproval rating, while a poll taken by Defense One revealed that Secre-

"A lot of them were already deployed and have scars from being there," - SU student Katie Nizich

ments has targeted Iraqi minorities including Christians who have mostly been displaced by radical Muslims and who were given the choice to convert or face a tax to the Islamic State.

Significant numbers of Christians were killed or displaced after the capture of the city of Mosul, where many Christians lived.

The London Telegraph published a leaked video revealing that the radical fighters are buying and selling sex slaves from the Yazidis, a religious minority also.

Journalists have been another target

tary of Defense Chuck Hagel has a 26 percent approval rating among U.S. national security professionals and troops.

However, even with the major victory for Republicans in the midterm elections, Congress' approval rating sat at 14 percent just a month before the elections, according to the Gallup.

Even with the overwhelming disapproval of political leaders, American approval for military operations against the Islamic State is 60 percent according to a September poll.

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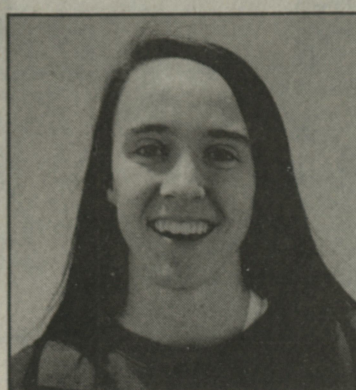


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Overheard: Do you plan on studying abroad?



"Yes, I want to study in Spain. I really want to practice speaking Spanish and to see what it's like living in another country." - Amahlet Yosef, junior



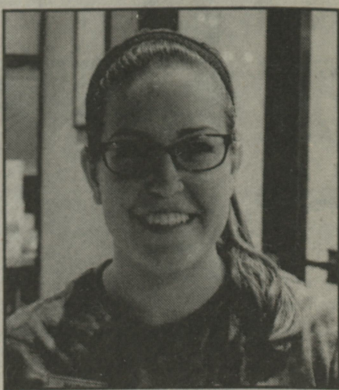
"I'm not sure about it yet. My sister did study abroad and had a really great time, so it's something I'm definitely considering." - Alexis Howatt, freshman



"I want to study abroad, but I don't think I will be able to because of financial reasons." - Brianna Sloan, junior



"I'm not planning to study abroad while I'm an undergrad because it's not financially an option, but I probably will in grad school." - Tanesha Ferguson, senior



"I never looked into it and I've run out of time now; I graduate next semester." - Maura Dalsey, senior

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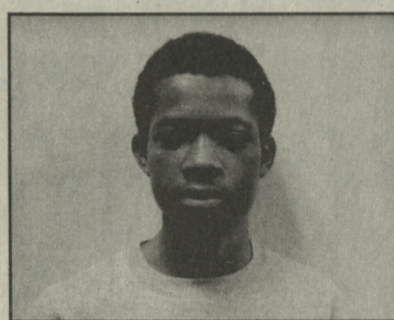
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Girls gone wild



BY EMMANUEL ATUFU
Staff Writer

It's crazy what girls are wearing these days. It's just my freshman year of college and I've already begun noticing a common trend among college girls.

Everyday I see girls wearing booty shorts, short shorts and mini skirts; on the weekends, girls go nuts with their make-up, slip into that tight, black mini dress that they know is too short and tight and put on those ridiculously long high heels that they can barely walk in, because tonight, they're turning up.

We all know that girls like "dressing to impress" because all the girls love it. When it comes to girl's fashion most guys believe "less is more."

Girls get a kick out of seeing guys with their shirts off and guys definitely get a kick out of seeing girls with as little clothing as possible. It's called "eye candy."

Look ladies, I am not complaining, nor am I judging. I have no problem with it. What I do have a problem with are the girls who dress provocatively and get upset when they're tagged with a sexual

term. It's incredibly puzzling. What's the point of wearing provocative clothing that's intentionally designed to boost your sexuality and then get agitated over the fact that the only thing a guy ever values you for is your sexuality?

If women want to be known as more than eye candy, they better start dressing more appropriately. If you're going to make a decision on what to wear, expect to live by the consequence of that choice. If you can't handle being labeled a derogatory term or seen as a lump of "walking meat," maybe you should return those stripper heels and that tight mini dress.

You don't get to dress provocatively and get upset when you

don't get the reaction you want, whatever that reaction may be. But why do girls dress provocatively? It's simple, women crave attention.

Every woman wants to be the center of attention for men. That's why they dress provocatively, to incite a reaction.

Females also love to out do each other. So I just got to ask, why would a woman wear provocative clothing when she knows it'll irritate other women?

That's an easy answer too, because when it comes to getting attention, women are competitive. Females can't seem to find a more dignified way to attract male attention. They think the only way anyone will take notice of them is if they act and dress provocatively.

Thank you mass media, you've manipulated our women.

Women are under more pressure to dress edgier. Their role models (Rihanna, Katy Perry, Beyonce, Kim K and JLo) all dress that way while strutting their hot bods across the red carpet. For them, attractiveness is defined in a very stereotypical and cliché way.

What you wear can and will have an effect on those around you. Females need to understand that, men do. If you dress in a way that emphasizes your sexuality, you're implying that your sexuality is all you have to offer, not your intelligence or skills.

The issue of dressing provocatively gets even better during Halloween. Fun fact: Halloween gives

women an excuse to make everything "sexy."

My roommate went to a Halloween costume party and saw a girl dressed in basically nothing, but her underwear and bra.

As a guy it's nice to see girls dressed like that, but deep inside, I'm losing any ounce of respect I have for her.

I feel as if women can attract attention without dressing or acting like a tramp. It's too bad women don't feel the same way. There are alternative clothing out there. Ladies, you can still be sexy and show off your legs and curves while still maintaining your dignity as a woman. So in the meantime, go put on some clothes.

The Media has an agenda



BY JAMIE POTTER
Staff Writer

As a writer for a school newspaper and a girl with a dream of becoming a broadcast journalist, I pay attention to the way the media reports news. I've noticed the types of stories selected and how they are reported.

News today has become overly sensationalized and there is a reason for that: it gets people watching. The general public is more interested in violence, sex and celebrities than anything else.

With every station and newspaper covering the same issue, every day, several times a day, we have only a few issues being drilled into our heads.

I can't help but notice the trend of news organizations latching onto a story and instead of informing the public of necessary information, they excessively report on the issue to the point of scaring the public into unrealistic fears of some aspects of life.

Several examples of this trend can be found from the past couple years - plane crashes, shootings and most recently, Ebola.

There were so many reports of planes going down that I was afraid to fly. I began to wonder, is there something wrong with airplanes today? The answer is reassuringly "no."

According to CNN, "The numbers of yearly aviation deaths and major plane crashes worldwide have been dropping for decades," while at the same time the number of annual commercial departures have continued to increase with an expected number to be around 59 million in 2030.

As for shootings, the number of murders since the 90's has been on the decline. Mass shootings seem to be on the rise, but can most likely be attributed to over exposure of media coverage, creating "copycat" killers who see

the "fame" shooters often receive.

Reports of Ebola are everywhere. It is all we seem to hear about. The fear is so widespread, people are demanding we cut all flights to infected areas.

When four people have Ebola out of the 316 million people in the United States, we feel we are all in deep trouble. This is due to the constant reporting on Ebola, scaring us into thinking only about the negatives.

It is important to inform the public of what is happening but the media tends to over-report, especially the negative aspects, causing the public to feel scared and helpless with no control over the situation.

It would be helpful for reports to include facts that can calm the public down and bring them back to reality. For example, the fact that Ebola is very difficult to spread and that more people die

from the flu each year than from Ebola.

There needs to be more variety in the news. With every station and newspaper covering the same issue, every day, several times a day, we have only a few issues being drilled into our heads.

We are ignoring the bigger picture of what is going on in our lives and our world. Journalists should provide facts on big stories but also report possible solutions to problems and ideas for prevention.

It amazes me that Ebola, plane crashes or the latest school shooter can catch the attention of the general public yet climate change seems to escape it.

If there is an alarming issue that should be drilled into the public mind it should be an issue that is impacting everyone, something everyone has the power to improve if we all make changes in our daily lives.

The media needs to go back to their purpose of informing the public so that they can make informed decisions instead of reporting the story-of-the-day because of ratings.



Tuned In Movie Edition: "Interstellar" Review



BY BJ DARDEN
Staff Writer

Christopher Nolan, one of the few directors around whose name carries some weight from behind the camera, just released his new movie "Interstellar."

The movie feels like a culmination of everything that Nolan has put out throughout his career. The mind-bending narrative of Memento, the hopelessness and emptiness of the Dark Knight and the stunning special effects of Inception come together to build a product that feels like almost nothing I've ever seen before.

Interstellar picks up with former NASA pilot, Cooper (played by Matthew McConaughey) and his family living on Earth that is rapidly approaching its expiration date. Dust storms are being kicked up, and crops are dying left and right.

It quickly becomes apparent that if mankind is going to survive then we're going to have to find a new home. That's why NASA commissions Cooper to pilot a group of scientists to travel through a wormhole to a distant galaxy in hopes of finding a new home.

As much science and astrophysics that are in Interstellar, the movie is really about the relationship between father and daughter. It is easily Nolan's most emotional and heart-

breaking movie that he has ever released, which is a good thing because there's a lot of coincidences and conveniences that get the plot going.

I won't spoil anything, but once liftoff is reached, the movie often over-relies on under-developed characters to pave the way for the story.

McConaughey's Cooper is the central character throughout the movie, and he nails it in every scene.

Credit should also be given to Mackenzie Foy and Jessica Chastain, both of whom play Murph, Cooper's daughter. Both actors make Murph seem like a real human being, with real character progression rather than a character played by two different actors.

No matter what you think of the story, Interstellar should be viewed in a theater on a big screen. The visuals in the movie are simply astounding. They're more than just accessories to the plot, the visuals gave me an experience that I've never had before.

The music that accompanies the film is also fantastic. It's loud and booming, but can also be subtle, all together adding to the emotion and action that is on the screen. There are some memorable sequences throughout the film that would not be the same if the music had not been so excellent.

Interstellar is not a perfect movie. As I said before, there are coincidences and conveniences within the plot. As much as the movie loves science and space that really takes backseat to the real story.

Interstellar goes outward to look inward. It's a movie about the soul, the connections that we make as humans that keep us fighting; even after going through heartbreak, grief, and regret.

After all of this, I can't help but recommend Interstellar to everyone, it may not be the easiest movie to digest, but it's a movie that will stick with you for a long time.

The Flyer gives "Interstellar" a 9/10.

Never shall she not shave



BY BECKY MILLER
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. For one reason or another, men will stop shaving their faces and women will let leg hair roam free.

Unfortunately men (and even other women) will degrade women for participating, making nasty comments

both protected behind a computer and fearlessly to women's faces.

Phrases like "Women who participate in no shave November shall also be participating in no 'D' December" and photographs of exaggerated hair falling from women's armpits with demeaning words describing them contribute to cultural stigma against women's right to grow out their own hair.

The recent origins of this tradition can be traced back to 2004 when a group of 30 Australian men grew moustaches to raise awareness for prostate cancer and male depression.

The American Cancer Society has taken this idea and formulated it into an awareness campaign for all cancers. Since many cancer patients must lose their hair, we shall grow ours in abundance.

I do not personally see the connection unless your body hair grows so long you can make it into wigs (none I would be willing to buy), but everyone is entitled to their own opinions.

The actual reasons people participate in No Shave November are much more mundane than cancer awareness. Most of the time participation is used as an excuse for downright laziness. Shaving takes time and effort. In a perfect reality everyone just wants to lay in bed and watch Netflix, right?

Sometimes men use it as a manliness competition, seeing who can grow the best facial hair in a month. Even rarer cases are actually participating in an awareness campaign.

Regardless of the reasons they participate, women are more often chastised than men for their decision to do so.

The culture we live in requires women to be perfect (or at least close to it) all the time. Never a hair may stray out of place. Outfit on-point, eyebrow game strong, subtle thigh gap, big round booty, flat stomach and huge chest; the physical demands on women are endless and ridiculously impossible. Growing out one's leg hair does not fit in the idealistic perfect view of a woman, so it must be bad.

Just for the sake of argument, let us turn the tables for a moment.

Women do not want to see your wannabe porno, reality pedophile, excuses for moustaches and scraggly neck beards just as much or more than you do not want to see our scandalous unshaved legs or pits.

In reality, the female unshaved areas are generally covered because of the approaching winter. Women have to stare at your faces all the time.

If a man-child thinks his silly opinions can change how women act, he loses the respect of the women around him.

People do not enjoy being demeaned and criticized for decisions that are their rights as humans to make. In judging and bullying anyone who does something you do not like, you are becoming unpleasant company.

People have the right to decide who they hang out around and your presence will not be wanted. Good luck finding friends among the population just as mean-spirited and judgmental as yourself.

Stop changing time



BY KOBI AZOULAY
Staff Writer

Daylight saving time did not come into existence until World War I when countries created it in order to conserve fuel needed to produce electric power, but its history has been very erratic in America.

It has been removed, re-implemented and regulated differently between states throughout its history.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 created a system of universal daylight saving time throughout the United States depending on time zone, however state legislatures can still vote to opt out of it. Only Arizona and Hawaii have done this.

With so much confusion surrounding it, this begs the question: should we just stick with one standard time? Changing our clocks twice a year is a complete waste of time and the United States should permanently stick with daylight saving time.

There are many benefits that doing this presents.

The most obvious benefit of this scenario is that people do not have to deal with the hassle of changing their clocks twice a year. While a lot of electronic devices do this automatically, the ones that do not can create a lot of confusion in people's everyday schedules.

Consistency is important in maintaining a normal sched-

ule, and time confusion can throw this completely out of whack.

Sleep patterns are also deeply impacted by the biannual time change.

Time changes interrupt our body's natural circadian rhythm, which causes people to sleep less. Lack of sleep puts people more at risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and a plethora of other health issues.

According to a study published in the American Journal of Public Health, daylight saving time could also save lives on the road. Less people get into car accidents during daylight saving time, possibly because there is an extra hour of daylight during the busy afternoon driving hours.

Permanent daylight saving time would present some economic benefits as well.

People could save money on their electric bills by having an extra hour of natural sunlight instead of being forced to use their indoor lighting.

Tourism also flourishes during daylight saving time. With an extra hour of daylight in the evening, tourists are more likely to stay out later and thus, spend more money.

While that extra profit may seem insignificant, over the course of an entire year it would add up to be a decent amount of money.

People would also be more encouraged to spend their time outdoors after their busy days. This gives them more time to participate in physical activity that requires daylight such as sports which is much more beneficial health wise than watching television or other indoor activities that require little to no physical exercise.

There are many people that worry that having an extra hour of darkness in the morning would make for a more dangerous commute to school for students.

This could be completely negated by simply starting school a little bit later.

Forcing students to wake up early in the morning deprives them of sleep. That lack of sleep has a negative impact on the student's performance in school.

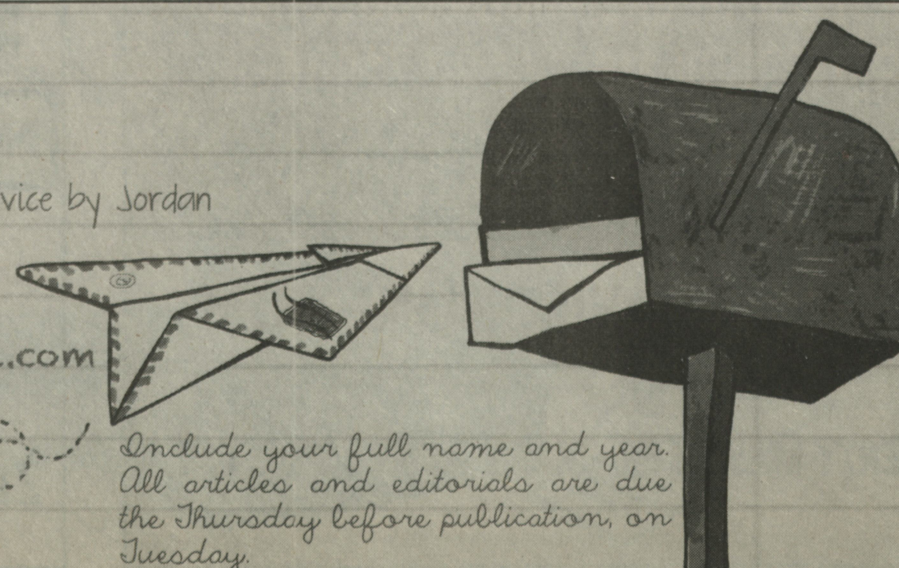
That is a separate issue of its own.

The health and economic benefits of implementing a permanent daylight saving time greatly outweigh the consequences of the system we currently have. The United States government holds a responsibility to do everything it can to help its citizens, and this small change would make a big difference in the long run.

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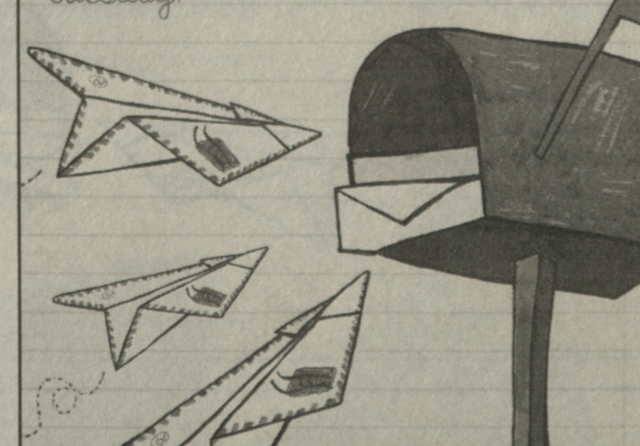
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GUC events offer an escape



Brittany Bursa photo
(Top) Living with Tourette's syndrome gives comedian Samuel J. Cromie an advantage to make jokes about his unusual daily life.
(Right) Students gather for a night of laughs at the Preferred Parking comedy show, which was held last Tuesday.
(Bottom) After a recent accident that damaged his vocal cords, comedian Drew Lynch is learning what it's like to live with a stutter.

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All students know of Guerrieri University Center events, they are those emails that you get a dozen times a week about a ping pong tournament, trivia night or other events that usually take place in the Fireside Lounge.

All those events are held by the GUC. Their goal is to create a place where students can meet new people, have fun and win prizes. With college stresses such as studying, homework, and classes you may not think you have free time to attend something like this, but it is well worth it.

Freshman Kelson Weber said many of these events have quite a turn out. He has been to a couple of them himself and has really enjoyed them, saying they are high energy and provide a perfect break from studying. "I thought the events were pretty cool, and there was a good turnout, so I would say they were successful," Weber said.

On average there are about twenty five to thirty people that attend. Although thirty people out of a school with thousands of students may not seem like a lot, however thinking about the games that they are playing, which only require two people at a time to play, such as, ping pong, that is a huge turnout. With these specific events, held in the Fireside Lounge, it is just enough people not to be too crowded around the multiple tables they have.

Though Weber was not too excited about their prizes, which were two plastic trophies, according to him, it was well worth the time.

His roommate, Kyle Nicolet, has attended a couple of these events; however he was not as optimistic about it

at first.

"I'm either too lazy, doing homework, or studying," Nicolet said.

This is the response most people have to events like these. It is not necessarily the event that they do not appreciate; they are just too bombarded with other priorities.

For the first time ever, I dropped all the homework, studying and forced myself to experience one of these events for myself.

Wednesday night, the GUC held a Minute to Win It event, which was similar to the television show, so I expected it to be goofy.

Interestingly it was a lot more organized and exciting than expected.

The first round was all about flipping water bottles to land upright. Just watching the crowd get excited and the focus and determination that went into this silly event was fun. Though this event only had about ten to fifteen people in attendance, it still had the high energy and optimism that Weber explained.

After watching the event, I talked to the staff that organized it. They explained that their most popular event is Trivia night that is held every Thursday at 6 p.m.

Shannon Henry, coordinator of GUC events explained that some special events such as sushi rolling, cake decorating, video game tournaments and pumpkin decorating, all had huge turnouts of fifty plus people. Henry also explained a special event at the end of the semester, called Stress FREE where they give out free massages. With finals week on its way, every student should want to come out to this event.

As part of their purpose for doing these events every week, it really does give everyone an opportunity to meet new people.

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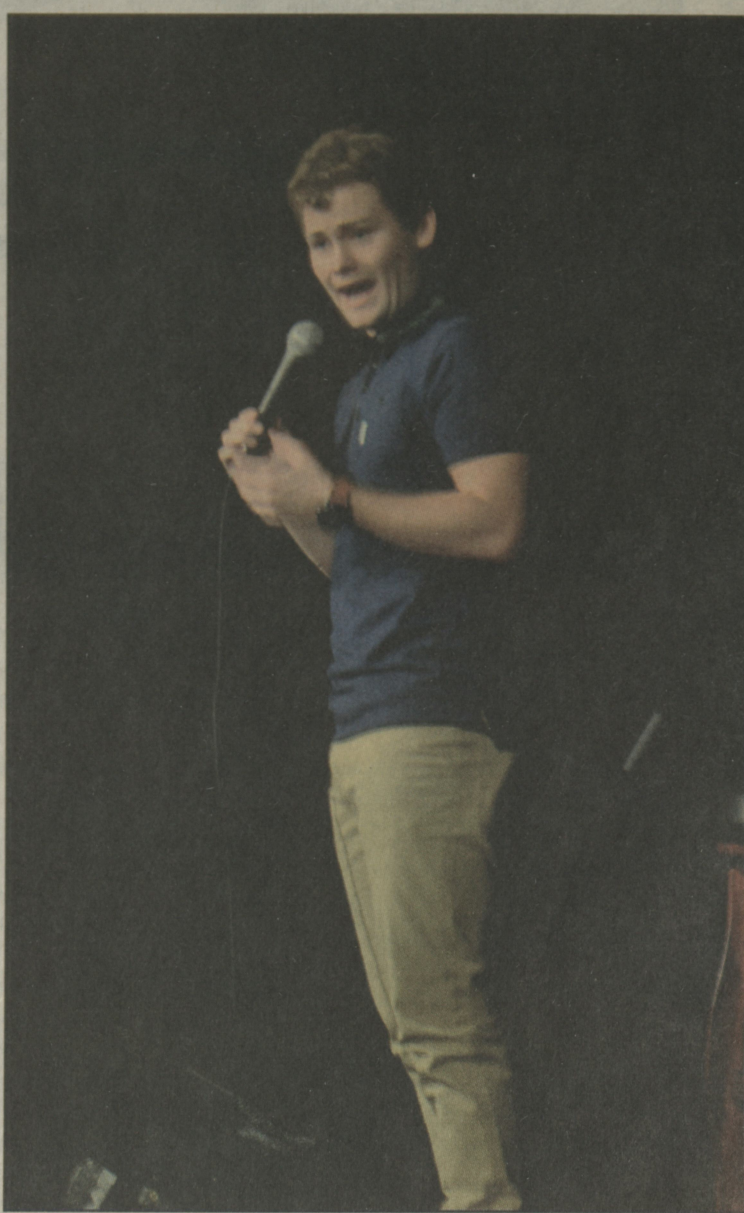
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Commuter Connections: What it's like to be a 'bury native attending SU

BY EMILY BAQUIR
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A common question that any college student gets asked is "Why that school?"

The answers vary; it has a great nursing program, I thought the campus was nice, it was the nicest school I could afford and the list goes on.

As a Salisbury local that attends Salisbury University, I have noticed a little extra emphasis on the "why" when I am asked that question. I will admit that SU was not my first choice. University of Maryland College Park was, and if it were not for a lack of funds, I would be there right now.

However, as the first semester of my junior year quickly comes to an end, I am not afraid to admit that a massive part of me is happy UMD did not work out. Despite SU not being my be-all, end-all of universities, once I began I saw that it was not bad at all. I liked my classes and professors, mostly. I chose to remain living at home, so it is nice seeing my dogs, family and high school friends on a regular basis.

Plus, what many students do not realize is SU is overly accommodating for their commuter students.

SU has a service for just about everything. There is the University Writing Center, the Center for Student Achievement, Career Services, Health Services and even a nutritionist.

When SU saw a need for a service for its approximately 6,000 commuters, Commuter Connections was created.

Commuter Connections, located in Room 222 in GUC, was designed to give commuters the same experiences and benefits that those living on campus have. It was a way to bring together students who have commuting in common and to show them they are not alone.

One program in particular, the Commuter Assistance Program, was the ultimate form of that.

"We introduce the commuter freshmen to the program during Orientation 101," Commuter Connections coordinator Shan-

non Henry said. "These freshmen commuter students are paired with experienced commuter students and act as a guide and or resource for them during their first semester."

Students are matched based on majors and interests to give the freshman student a like-person to learn from.

The Commuter Assistance Program is not the only thing that Commuter Connection offers. It also has a commuter breakfast series in which commuter students gather for breakfast and catch-up and a commuter lunch series in which commuter students are taught valuable lessons, such as how to get involved on campus and how to make the most of a study abroad experience. In addition, Commuter Connections also offers tips and advice for living safely off campus and how to be a good neighbor.

Another Salisbury native, Kelsey Reichenberg was happy about her change in schools as well.

She originally attended Radford University in Virginia with a dance major but returned home when she injured herself. Once back in Salisbury, she started at SU and rented an apartment with friends.

"Although Salisbury University was not my first choice in schools, I have no regrets with transferring here," Reichenberg said. "I enjoy being close to home and in an environment that is familiar to me. I have also had a great experience in Zeta Tau Alpha, working in the University Writing Center and working in a lab in TETC. I would not change anything."

When I began SU as a freshman in 2012, my mother tried passionately to get me to sign-up for the Commuter Assistance Program. I refused, believing that I would be spending four long years at SU and then never think twice about it.

I did not think I needed a connection to my school, and during my freshman year, I did not have one. I should also add that during my freshman year I was

close to miserable.

It was for those reasons that Commuter Connections was created.

"It is so easy for students who have no connection to their school to begin to falter in their classes because they do not have that support and eventually drop out," Henry said. "Additionally, we want all students to have access to the Salisbury University experience. To fully experience what it means to be a Sea Gull."

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friends who attend out-of-state schools or other schools across Maryland," said Reichenberg.

Like Reichenberg, I too feel there is a small hole in my college experience. While my high school classmates are miles away from home, experiencing life outside our hometown, I am still in the place I was born and raised, in the same house with the same parents, not that I want different ones or anything.

Don't get me wrong, I love SU and am extremely happy that I ended up there. While I am all for students leaving the nest and going to school outside their hometowns, I would not hesitate to advocate for staying.

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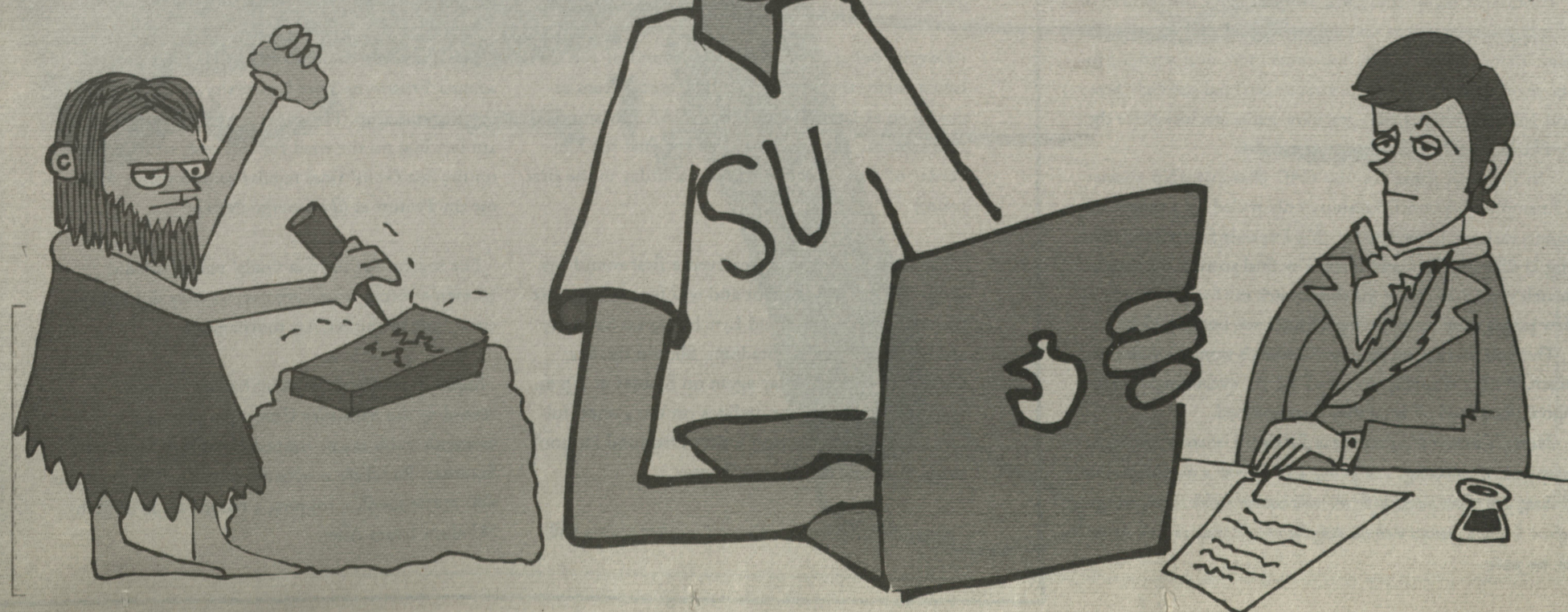


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Home-style cooking comes to Seagull Square

BY NICHOLAS CARTRON
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If you have strolled by Sea Gull Square recently and sensed something new, you were right. It is not Thai, it is not Starbucks and it is not frozen yogurt. It is Rotisserie King.

Restaurateur Kosta wants you to come try the king. Kosta's family has been in the restaurant industry for years, dish-ing out everything from Greek food to pizza. This time, he went back to his roots of home-cooked savory family style dishes.

He wanted to open his place on campus so that students could get a different taste when they needed it most.

"I want to give students a place to eat and feel like they are at home," Kosta said.

But students will find much more than just their mama's kitchen at the King; the Rotisserie's menu strikes a balance of traditional comfort food paired with a spice and sweetness that is unexpected but welcome.

Customers can choose from six featured sauces to dress their meal; the flavors coast from southern comfort to Southern Asia. Walk inside and the first thing you will probably notice is the long dining tables, reminiscent of a family dining room that seats you elbow-to-elbow with friends and other guests alike.

Overhead are chicken wire lamp shades, a nod to the restaurant's main attraction: roasted chicken. Glowing rotisseries operate on both sides of the front counter. Between them lies the ingredients bar, where a friendly server waits to help you create a custom meal, or to suggest one of Kosta's favorite recipes.

Most notably on the menu, there are quite a few sandwich options available. If you are a fan of Kansas City BBQ, you may want to try the Slaw B' Que, a pulled chicken sandwich dressed in a thick, sweet BBQ sauce

topped with homemade coleslaw. This goes great with a side of red skin mashed potatoes. If you are up for a bigger burst of flavor, try the Porky Pine: tender pulled pork topped with a sweet pineapple mango chutney, cole slaw, and a smoky chipotle aioli, best paired with a side of sweet fiesta corn.

But if there were only one reason you need to visit the King, it's their namesake menu item. Rotisserie chicken: tender and juicy. Dress it in the house gravy with a side of macaroni and cheese and pasta salad and you will grin ear-to-ear. This brought me back to mama's kitchen: a half chicken platter with two homemade sides: \$9.

If you do not quite have an "army-of-one" appetite, some light fare does exist. I suggest creating your own side sampler: choose any

three sides for \$5. My favorites were a whipped sweet potato casserole, creamy and sweet, the baked macaroni and cheese and last week's featured veggie, which was crisp green beans, steamed with peppercorns.

I would not go out of my way for the baked beans or cornbread stuffing, but whatever you choose, ask for a side of sauce for dunking. I especially like the fresh cilantro lime aioli and creamy mustard bistro sauce.

If you are a vegetarian, stick with the sides' sampler. There are twelve to choose from. For vegans, the pickings are slim, but that is not surprising for a rotisserie concept restaurant. A family size of spicy wild rice with veggies is your best option.

Overall Rotisserie King has put together a tasty menu that is bound to satisfy. When you need some comfort food on campus, the King is the place to be. They are open for business 11a.m. - 10p.m. Monday - Saturday.

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Littleton scores first career goal in overtime to win CAC championship



BY DIAMOND HOLTON
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The Salisbury University field hockey secured their 18th Capital Athletic Conference championship with a win over Christopher Newport University in overtime, 2-1.

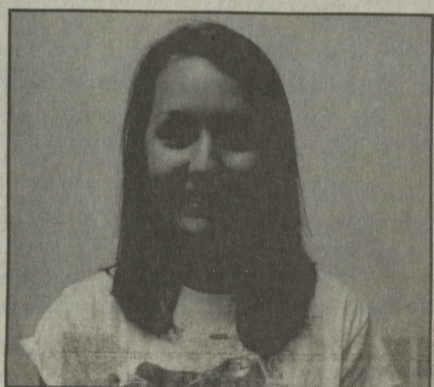
Sophomore Chandler Littleton scored the game-winning goal in overtime off a feed from senior Summer Washburn to give the Sea Gulls the go-ahead goal and the victory. It was her first career goal of her two seasons at Salisbury.

The Sea Gulls (17-1) attempted to execute sooner but Courtney Jantzen's early chance at a goal ended up going far left off a penalty corner. The game didn't get any easier for the Sea Gulls. The Captains' goalkeeper Bailey Lien had a total of 18 saves with 11 of them coming in the first half, holding the Sea Gulls scoreless in the first half.

The Sea Gulls had 30 shots total in the match, but struggled in penalty corners going 0-for-23, which is a place they typically excel in, but junior forward Samantha Johnson was not worried about the team not converting on their corners.

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Sea Gulls' cinderella run ends with a loss in the CAC Championship

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Last week Salisbury University played a suspenseful three games, making it to finals for the Capital Athletic Conference Championship.

In their first game against Marymount the unlikely sixth seeded Sea Gulls began their Cinderella run with a 3-1 win over third seeded Saints. The Sea Gulls continued onto the semifinals against Southern Virginia where they upset the second seeded Knights by a score of 3-0, putting them in CAC finals on Saturday.

Unfortunately, in a match against Christopher Newport, the Sea Gulls were swept in three sets losing 3-0.

During their game against Marymount, Salisbury lost the first round in overtime—26-28. However it did not stop them from coming back with three straight wins, to take the match.

In the match against Southern Virginia, Salisbury used their powerful serves to come home with a win. In the first set, Salisbury won 25-18. Southern Virginia pushed back, but fell short as Salisbury won the next match 30-28.

Volleyball rarely reaches a score like that, but each side was fighting and no one could get a lead on the other. The Sea Gulls came out with a win and began to use their strong serving to their advantage. The aces of the Sea Gulls doubled the aces of Southern Virginia, and their errors, kills and attempted attacks numbers were all close; however, Southern Virginia struggled to return serves of Michelle Meehan and Nikki Bi-netti.

Playoffs are highly emotional. In every game there will be a player whose career in collegiate volleyball will come to an end. There will be a coach that wants more than anything to move onto finals, but a team that just can't pull through. Seniors will be fighting to play one more game and luckily for the Sea Gulls, they had that opportunity.

In the final game for the CAC championship against Christopher Newport, Salisbury only trailed by a couple of points each set. In the first set, they lost only four points, ending 21-25 in the Captains' favor. The final score in the second match was 18-25 and in the third match the Sea Gulls came a few points away from forcing a fourth set, but lost 25-20.

This year was a great year for Salisbury's women's volleyball team. With a winning record of 22-10, every single player should be proud of what they accomplished.

Megan Newcomer is a freshman at Salisbury University majoring in management, marketing, and getting a BFA with a concentration in drawing. She played volleyball for six years between middle school and high school. She also assisted with coaching the middle school volleyball team for two years.

Jones leads Sea Gulls to victory over Brockport in first start

BY NICK DIMATTEO
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The Salisbury University football team celebrated senior day and their final home game of the season with a 40-28 victory over Brockport State.

Salisbury (5-4, 4-3 Empire 8) jumped out to a 12-point lead at halftime, and were able to pull away in the third quarter with 21 unanswered points.

Salisbury ran for 273 yards on the ground, led by Connor Canonico with 126 yards. Jerome Johnson also added 63 rushing yards and a touchdown while sophomore quarterback Ryan Jones got his first career start and threw for 76 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 57 yards.

"We wanted to make sure that we scored when we needed to this week, and I think we did a pretty good job of that today," Jones said. "I took more reps this week in practice and I was a lot more confident."

Junior quarterback John Dunbar, who was injured in the first quarter of last week's game, also got some snaps at quarterback and completed one pass to sophomore Aaron Moore for 63 yards, but it was Jones who led the Sea Gulls to victory for most of the game.

Jones began the game with a six-play, 79-yard drive that resulted in his first touchdown pass to Moore who finished the game with four receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns and also added a rushing touchdown.

Salisbury never trailed through the game and the closest Brockport came to taking a lead was late in the first quarter after they completed a 25-yard touchdown pass to get the score at 9-7. Dunbar and Jones began to switch off at quarterback leading the Sea Gulls to a 19-7 halftime lead. Salisbury would then dominate the third and early fourth quarter to take a 40-14 lead.

"Through the first three quarters I thought this was our most complete

game," Sea Gulls' head coach Sherman Wood said. "I was a little disappointed in the tail end of the game, but we're going to continue to learn and continue to work."

Brockport would score two touchdowns late in the fourth quarter to bring the score within 12, but Canonico recovered the Brockport outside kick with 31 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Prior to the game the team celebrated its 13 senior players who have helped the Sea Gulls to a 32-13 record and three postseason appearances over the past four years.

On Saturday, Salisbury will visit Frostburg State for the Regents Cup and regular season finale. Even after a 70-14 win last year Coach Wood is not letting the Sea Gulls to a 32-13 record and three postseason appearances over the past four years.

"This isn't that same Frostburg team," Wood said. "They have a new coach and they are much improved."

From the nest

Sports News & Notes from the Week

BY MITCHELL NORTHAM
Sports Editor

- Despite being upset in the first round of the CAC tournament, the Sea Gull's men's soccer team received an at-large bid into the NCAA Division III tournament. They will play away against the University of Rochester (9-5-3) on Saturday in the first round.

- The field hockey team received a first round-bye in the NCAA tournament and will face off against the winner of Centre and Lynchburg on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Sea Gull Stadium. Should the Sea Gulls win, they will play again on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the third round. For updates on the games, follow our field hockey beat writer Diamond Holton at @_PensAndWords_ on Twitter.

- Also on Saturday, the Cross Country teams will

compete in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regionals in Newville, Pennsylvania.

- The Sea Gulls' football team (5-4) will face off against Frostburg State University on Saturday for the Regents Cup. The game is at Frostburg and I am heading on the road for this one, so for updates on the Sea Gulls' final regular season game, follow me on Twitter at @primetimeMitch.

- The season for the Sea Gulls' volleyball and women's soccer teams are over as they did not receive bids to the NCAA tournament.

- Sophomore Victoria Radcliffe broke a pool record as the Salisbury University men and women's swim teams topped Frostburg State on Saturday. Radcliffe notched a time of 5:28.53 in the 400-meter medley, topping a record set in 2006 by SU alum Laura Allen.

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"We knew they were going to come eventually because sometimes they just don't fly. And they didn't today," Johnson said. "We were going to keep going. We had that one at the end we thought we were going to get, but we got the win anyway."

Of the two shots the Captains (12-7) had in the first half, they managed to convert one by Carol Thompson. Madison Doss passed from long center and Thompson put it in five yards from the goal into top left corner of the cage.

Salisbury had an opportunity to tie the game up with a penalty stroke by Mallory Elliot late in the half, but Elliot missed with a save by Lien. Elliot managed to redeem the miss in the second half with a goal to tie 1-1. Washburn assisted with a long pass from 30 yards out as Elliot finished the shot near the cage. Salisbury was able to get a penalty corner at the end of regulation, but a save by Lien forced overtime.

Washburn and Johnson each took turns with the net, one shot wide left and the other two were saved by the Captains, then Littleton subbed in for Johnson early in the extra session.

Less than five minutes into overtime, Washburn fed a long pass into the goal for Littleton to finish for the championship win.

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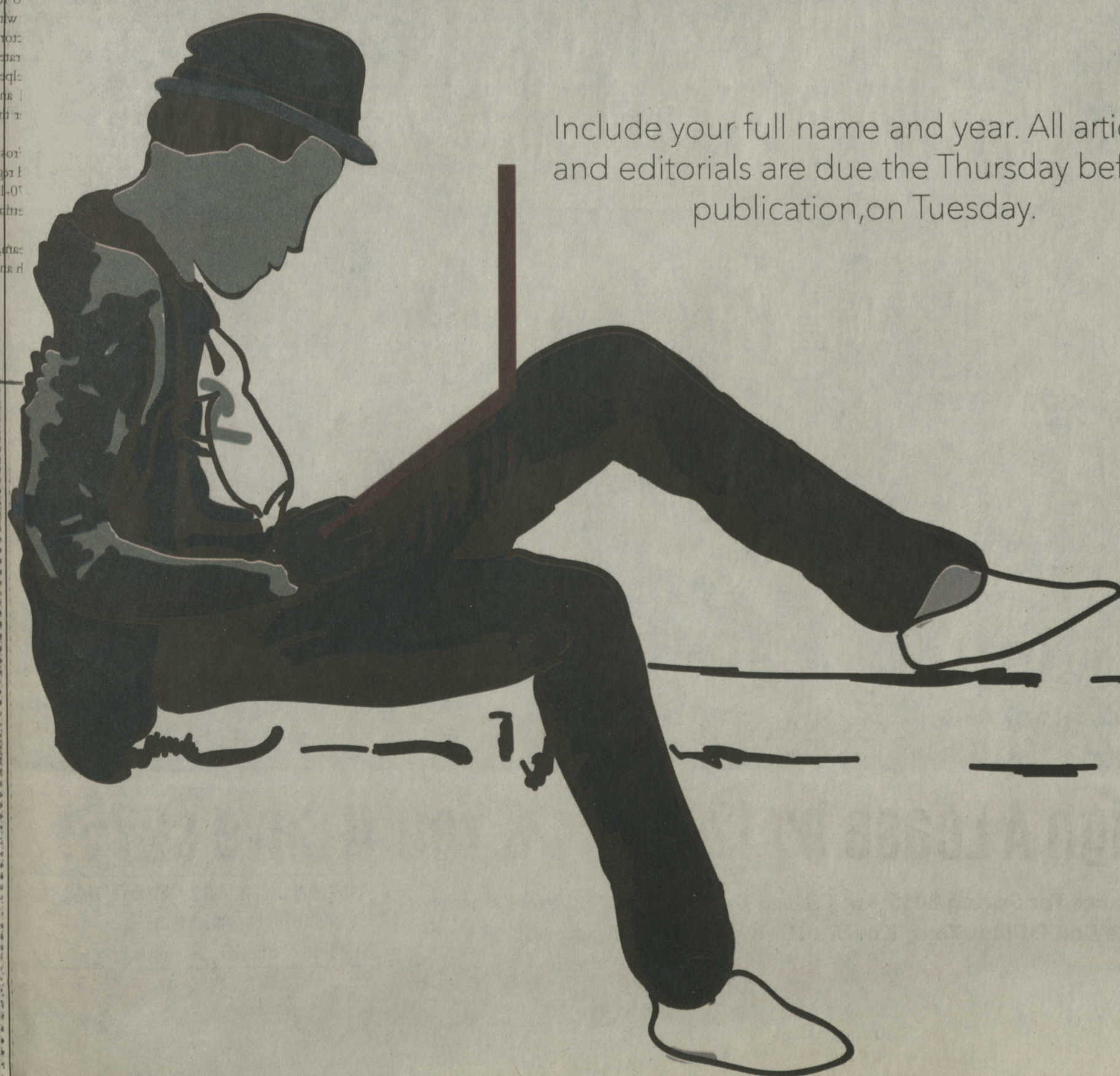
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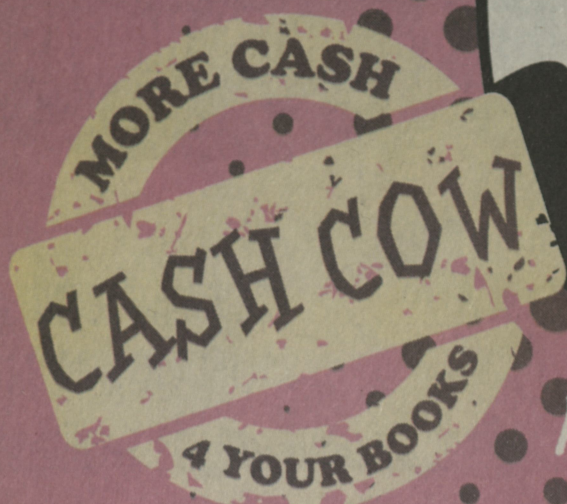
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